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SUBJ: MORE JAPANESE REACTION TO PANMUNJOM INCIDENT

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1. AT PRESS CONFERENCE AUGUST 20, FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA ANNOUNCED MOVE OF F-4S FROM JAPAN TO KOREA IN REACTION TO INCIDENT AND SAID THAT USG HAD DULY NOTIFIED GOJ OF ACTION THROUGH US EMBASSY TOKYO COMMENTING ON INCIDENT, MIYAZAWA SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER DEATHS WERE INTENTIONAL OR ACCIDENTAL. HOWEVER, "OBJECTIVE SITUATION IS NOT SUCH THAT IT WILL TURN INTO A BIG THING. IT WILL NOT BENEFIT ANY COUNTRY TO CAUSE TROUBLE AT A PEACEFUL TIME." STORY OF MIYAZAWA STATEMENT CARRIED ONLY IN YOMIURI, WHICH PLACED IT ON PAGE TWO.

2. ONLY EDITORIAL ON SUBJECT SO FAR APPEARED IN AUG 21 TOKYO SHIMBUN, WHICH TERMED INCIDENT MATTER OF CONCERN. EDITORIAL SAID THAT NORTH KOREANS CLEARLY THE LAWBREAKERS REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE DEATHS WERE ACCIDENTAL OR INTENTIONAL. CONCLUSION SUPPORTED BY RAPID APPEARANCE IN AREA OF SUCH HEAVY REINFORCEMENTS. NORTH KOREANS, EDITORIAL WENT ON, COMMITTED

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ERROR OF LOGIC IF THEY BELIEVED THEY COULD PROVE US WAS A THREAT

BY ATTACKING ITS SOLDIERS. FAULTY LOGIC SUGGESTED THAT
NORTH KOREANS SO ISOLATED THEY HAD NO IDEA OF WHAT WORLD
OPINION MIGHT BE, EDITORIAL CONCLUDED.
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